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## **Railtown 1897 Offers Popular “Harvest Haunt Express” Train Rides in October** *Special Train Rides Available Weekends October 8-30 and Pulled by the Famous Sierra No. 3 on Saturdays*

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – With fall just around the corner, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) is proud to offer crowd-pleasing “Harvest Haunt Express” train rides on four upcoming consecutive weekends: October 8-9, October 15-16, October 22-23 and October 29-30. Staffed by a “skeleton crew,” the popular train rides take place aboard an excursion train that departs on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Saturdays, the excursion train will be pulled by Sierra No. 3 (the “Movie Star Locomotive”) and on Sundays by a vintage diesel locomotive.

To kick off the month of “Harvest Haunt Express” train rides, family-friendly entertainment, caboose tours, velocipede bike rides for kids, free pumpkins for those taking a train ride, and live music will be offered to the public all day on Saturday, October 8. Visitors on that Saturday will also enjoy special performances by Cactus Bob and Prairie Flower from noon to 3 p.m. Families are encouraged to spend the day at Railtown 1897 SHP and enjoy the picnic facilities on the sprawling roundhouse lawn.

Located in the heart of California’s Gold Country, Railtown 1897 SHP combines railroad heritage, local history and the lure of Hollywood and is one of only two authentic and still-operating steam-era railroad roundhouse complexes in the entire country. The Park is home to the famous “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3, which has an impressive history of starring in more than 200 high profile film and television productions such as “*High Noon*,” “*Back to the Future 3*” and “*Petticoat Junction*.”

Tickets for “Harvest Haunt Express” train rides (which include Park admission) are \$13 adults, \$6 youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under are free. To make advance online reservations to ride behind Sierra No. 3, visit [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org) or call (209) 984-3953 for more information.

### **About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park**

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas,

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*and New Year's Day, the Park's operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org)*

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